## U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

## Office of Public and Indian Housing

| Special Attention of:        | NOTICE 98-44 (HA)                       |
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| Secretary's Representatives; | Issued: August 28, 1998                 |
| State/Area Coordinators;     | Expires: May 31, 1999                   |
| Public Housing Directors;    |   |
| Community Builders;          | Cross Reference: Notice PIH 98-28 (HA)  |
| Public Housing Agencies      | Notices PIH 97-12(HA) and PIH 98-24(HA) |
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SUBJECT: Additional Review Responsibilities for the Special Application Center (SAC)

Effective August 17, 1998, the Office of Public Housing will implement another change in our organization in response to the Secretary's 2020 initiative. The Office of Public Housing, Special Application Center (SAC), 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604, Room 2401, will be accepting applications for designated housing from all non-Indian housing agencies.

Prior to establishment of the SAC, these applications were reviewed in Headquarters. The SAC staff will focus on developing ways to expedite processing of these applications. The SAC will also provide technical assistance and training to public housing agencies, residents and industry groups.

Effective August 17, 1998, please submit one original and a copy of these applications to the SAC, and one copy to your local HUD servicing office. The PHA should continue to send a copy of the Plan to the unit of its State or local government that administers the CHAS/Consolidated Plan. That governmental unit should be informed that, if it wishes to comment on the PHA's Plan to designate PHA housing, it should send them to the SAC. This Notice supersedes all other direction provided by the Department on where to <u>send</u> these particular applications only; all other direction and guidance remains in effect.

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